

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1164

Approved by the Governor April 8, 1972

Introduced by Roland A. Luedtke, 28th District

AN ACT to amend section 39-773.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to regulations governing the use of public roads; to require trailer brakes, as specified; to require safety chains on trailers, as specified; and to repeal the original section. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 39-773.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

39-773.01. (1) All commercial trailers with a carrying capacity of more than ten thousand pounds and semitrailers shall be equipped on each wheel with brakes that can be operated from the driving position of the towing vehicle.

(2) Travel trailers and recreational trailers having a gross loaded weight of two thousand pounds or more shall be equipped with brakes on each wheel, and the brakes shall be operable from the driving position of the towing vehicle.

(3) Each trailer attached to a towing vehicle by a ball hitch with a gross loaded weight of three thousand pounds or more shall be equipped with a breakaway, surge or impulse switch on the trailer so that the trailer brakes are activated should the trailer become disengaged from the towing vehicle.

(4) Each trailer, as defined in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, with a gross loaded weight of three thousand pounds or more shall be equipped with two safety chains, which shall have a breaking load strength of three thousand pounds each. Such a trailer shall be attached to the towing vehicle so that the tongue of the trailer will not touch the roadway should the trailer become disengaged from the towing vehicle.

The provisions of subsections (2), (3), and (4) of this section shall not apply to travel trailers, recreational trailers, or trailers attached to a towing vehicle if such trailers are now licensed in the State of Nebraska.

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Sec. 2. That original section 39-773.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.